

SHIRE MATTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cr Tony O'Gorman
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Fire and Emergency Services Award

I would like to add my congratulations to Danielle Ryder on being recognised at the DFES Emergency Service Awards. Danielle is committed to our local Emergency Service Cadets and has been recognised with the award for her work in bringing Jurien Bay youth into the cadet group.

I think we have all come across Danielle and the great work she does inspiring our youth to volunteer and be valuable members of our community.

Thanks Danielle for the great work you do.

Dandaragan Townsite Main Road Shared Path and Parking Project

I am pleased to report that the Dandaragan Townsite Main Road Shared Path and Parking Project has now been successfully completed.

This significant infrastructure project was delivered through joint funding support from the Regional Road Group and Roads to Recovery programs, with a total project allocation of \$3,343,264.

The completed works have greatly improved safety, accessibility and amenity for residents and visitors travelling through the townsite.

Key upgrades included:

- Construction of a 2.0-metre-wide shared path for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Installation of pedestrian refuge islands to improve crossing safety.
- Upgraded drainage infrastructure to enhance stormwater management.
- Road widening along key sections of Main Road.
- New kerbing to improve traffic management and streetscape presentation.
- Additional and improved parking facilities to support local businesses and community access.

This project represents a substantial investment in the future of Dandaragan, delivering safer transport connections, improved functionality for road users, and enhanced accessibility throughout the townsite. Council acknowledges the valuable funding contributions from the Regional Road Group and Roads to Recovery programs, which have made this important project possible.

The completion of these works is another example of Council's commitment to providing quality infrastructure that supports the needs of our growing community and improves the liveability of our towns.

Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Grant Program

The grant applications are considered each year by a committee comprised of two delegates from each of our four towns a delegate from Tronox Management and the Shire President. The Grant Committee meeting was held on 2 June 2026; a total of 12 applications were received from sporting clubs and community organisations.

The total value of grant funding requested was \$72,733, exceeding the expected available funding pool of \$50,000 by \$22,733.

As the round was oversubscribed, the Committee assessed and prioritised applications against the program criteria and available budget.

Organisation	Project	Grant (\$)
Badgingarra Community Association	Mezzanine Area Blinds	\$1,457
Badgingarra Community Association	Seating around oval	\$2,792
Cervantes Horse Club	Day yards	\$2,335
Dandaragan Community Centre	Function Furniture Upgrade	\$2,480
Jurien Bay Bowling Club	Replacement Seating	\$1,609
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Replacement food trailer	\$23,500
Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation	Upgrade air conditioning system	\$10,342
Central West Senior Citizen group (Inc)	New sporting equipment	\$3,735
Total		\$48,250

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Community Grant

The 2026/27 financial year represents the eighteenth consecutive year of the Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants Program. The program provides financial assistance to eligible community organisations and initiatives that deliver social, economic, recreational, arts or cultural benefits to residents of the Shire. Funding provided through the program is intended to contribute to project delivery and supplement other funding sources, rather than represent the sole source of financial support.

The grants program received 19 applicants, with the total funding requests amounting to \$39,534. As requests exceeded the available funding, the assessment panel prioritised applications based on program criteria and anticipated community benefit.

The applications received reflected a broad range of community-led events, activities and initiatives across the Shire. Given the round was oversubscribed, the Committee was required to consider the relative community benefit, alignment with the program objectives, eligibility of expenditure and the extent to which each proposal demonstrated broader participation or Shire-wide benefit. The Community Grants Committee (which consists of Councillors Sharon Young, Councillor Wayne Gibson, and Councillor Steph Krakowiak) met on 28 May 2026 to consider the applications.

Grants were awarded to the following groups.

Organisation	Project	Grant (\$)
Advance Dandaragan Inc	Christmas Under the Gums Dandaragan Town Party	\$2,500
Badgingarra Community Association	2026 Badgingarra Community Cricket Match	\$1,700
Badgingarra Community Association	Christmas Party	\$2,500
Central West Coast Senior Citizen Group	Christmas Function for senior citizen Jurien Bay	\$1,500
Cervantes Historical Society	WA Fishers Lost at Sea (FLAT sea) Presentation	\$1,220
Dandaragan Bowls Club	International Women's Day	\$2,500
Dandaragan P&C	Student Disco Night	\$2,050
Jurien Bay Men Shed	2027 Jurien Bay Easter Fair	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Herbarium Group	Plant give-away	\$2,500
Jurien Sport and Recreation	Halloween Disco	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Family Fun Day	\$2,500
Sandy Feet Arts	Flock to the Festival	\$2,064
Turquoise Coast Basketball Association	Tiny Tots (3-4years) Basketball Program	\$2,000
All Bar None	Turquoise Coast Festival of Running	\$2,000
Total		\$30,034.00

Economic Development Grant

The objective of the Economic Development Grant is to support small businesses to deliver projects that align with the Council's economic development strategic priorities and demonstrate economic benefits for the Shire of Dandaragan. Council policy gives provision for \$40,000 per annum within the annual budget for the Economic Development Grant.

Two grant applications were received and assessed as part of the 2026/27 Economic Development Grant round. As both applications requested \$10,000 each, the total grant pool allocation was reduced from \$40,000 to \$20,000 to reflect the level of demand in this funding round. The applications reviewed were as follows:

Organisation	Project	Grant (\$)
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Turquoise Coast Festival	\$10,000
Cervantes Historical Society	Cervantes Music Muster 2026	\$10,000
Total		\$20,000

The Turquoise Coast Festival is considered a justified project, demonstrating strong alignment with Council's goals of promoting tourism, supporting local business, and strengthening community development.

As an established event with growing attendance, it is expected to deliver significant economic benefits to Jurien Bay, particularly by increasing visitation during a quieter period.

The Cervantes Music Muster is considered a justified project, aligning with Council's objectives to support economic development, tourism, and community engagement.

The proposed event is expected to attract both local residents and visitors, generating increased economic activity for local businesses, including accommodation, hospitality, and retail sectors.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Environmental Grant

Shire's long term environmental sustainability direction.

This will be the seventh year of the Shire of Dandaragan Environmental Grant Program. The program provides financial assistance to support environmental projects and initiatives and is intended to supplement, rather than be the sole source of project funding.

Local organisations and community groups were invited to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for eligible environmental projects on public or private land.

Applicants were also able to seek funding commitments over multiple years where a clear need could be demonstrated, such as where Council's commitment was required to secure external funding or where projects required implementation over several years to achieve meaningful environmental outcomes.

The panel recommended:

- Funding the Jurien Bay Herbarium Group Foreshore Weed Eradication Program, recognising its immediate environmental benefits, proven track record, and strong alignment with current strategic priorities.
- Funding the Dandaragan CRC Battery Back-up System on the basis that it will deliver a practical sustainability demonstration within a community facility, rather than provide a private commercial benefit. The Dandaragan CRC is a community-based organisation that provides public access to services, programs and information. Installation of a solar and battery system will reduce the environmental footprint of a shared community facility, demonstrate practical renewable energy adoption to local residents, and provide an opportunity for the CRC to monitor and share energy use and savings information with the community.

Each organisation has been provided with a \$10,000 grant to complete their projects.

Cr Tony O'Gorman
Shire President

The logo for the Council Meeting features the word "Council" in a white, bold, sans-serif font, positioned above the word "Meeting" which is written in a large, white, cursive script font. The entire logo is set against a solid blue background.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 23 July 2026, at the Jurien Bay Council Chambers, commencing at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Business Forum and Networking Sundowner

The Shire of Dandaragan hosted its second successful annual Business Forum and Networking Sundowner at the Bolton Clarke Retirement Village in Jurien Bay on 11 June.

More than 50 people representing 35 businesses from across the Shire and beyond participated in the event. Five invited guest speakers shared information on a range of land and business development related topics.

Sheryll Thackray, Manager of the Bolton Clark Retirement Village highlighted the lifestyle that can be enjoyed at the retirement village in Jurien Bay and the range of retirement activities available to the resident and broader Jurien Bay community.

Mark Trevaskis, Senior Development Manager, Development WA spoke about residential and industrial land developments across the Shires of Dandaragan and Coorow. Mark noted that one of the greatest constraints to the release of further industrial land at Coalseam Drive in Jurien Bay was sewer capacity, with work underway to deliver sewer upgrades to enable a further stage of industrial land development.

Chris Sharples, Acting Director of Regional Development at the Wheatbelt Development Commission provided an overview of the Commission's role in supporting preparedness for business growth and some practical ways local businesses could engage in the energy transition.

Chris explained how the Shire of Dandaragan is hosting most of the energy transition growth activity across the region, including six operational projects, one project under construction, seven projects in feasibility or planning, and two at site selection stage.

'This level of investment is expected to generate opportunities for local contractors and suppliers across construction and civil works, transport and logistics, workforce and training, accommodation and hospitality, plus ongoing operations and maintenance services', he said.

David Lantzke, the CEO and Managing Director of the Ardross Group of Companies, a family-owned, diversified property and land development group noted the company's investment in regional land developments in Albany, Cervantes, Bunbury, Manjimup and Jurien Bay.

David's presentation was twofold, including an update on the company's Turquoise Coast Developments, and in his role as honorary secretary of the Jurien Bay Chamber of Commerce, outlining to local businesses the benefits of being a part of their local Chamber of Commerce.

Shire of Dandaragan Chief Executive Officer, Brent Bailey, noted that with the Shire being in the top five WA local governments for internal migration growth, that this brings great opportunities for businesses but also puts significant pressure on planning, housing, and infrastructure.



Business Forum continued

'With growth arriving ~10 years earlier than baseline projections, the under-35 years population cohort is projected to more than double (children 0–14 up 180–195%) by 2033, and at its peak, the construction workforce demand across major projects based in our Shire is expected to be >1,000 FTE'.

Brent wound up the evening's presentations with a deep dive into some of the growth drivers and barriers, noting the critical need for alignment of State and LGA planning strategies and for Council to review Shire-wide priorities and capital sequencing to enable sustainable growth across multiple sectors.

Infrastructure News

PUBLIC NOTICE

Have Your Say on the Proposed Civil Works Bond Policy Shire of Dandaragan Council is seeking community feedback on a proposed Civil Works Bond Policy.

The policy aims to provide a clear and consistent framework for securing civil works associated with development projects, helping to ensure infrastructure is completed to the required standard and protecting community assets. Residents, developers, and interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the draft policy and share their feedback before 4pm Saturday 18 July 2026.

To view the proposed policy please visit our website www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au

Please submit any feedback or comments to cis@dandaragan.wa.gov.au



Development Services

Please be aware that it is illegal to live in a shed unless the shed has been approved as meeting Class 1a design standards under the Building Code.

It is possible to apply for Planning Approval to live in a shed on a temporary basis during the construction of a dwelling. For more information on this, please refer to the Shire's Local Planning Policy 9.3 (QR Code Below) or contact the Shire's Planning Services to discuss.

Email enquiries DSR@dandaragan.wa.gov.au or Phone 08 9652 0800



Reminder for Property Owners in the Rural Residential Zone

JURIEN BAY HEIGHTS	Minimum 120,000L water tank Approval and allocation of Building Envelope required prior to: - Clearing of vegetation - Clearing of driveway - Construction Setbacks: Front: 30m Rear: 50m Side: 15m
ALTA MARE	Minimum 92,000L water tank or bore Setbacks: Front: 20m Rear: 30m Side: 10m
MARINE FIELDS OLD	Minimum 92,000L water tank or bore Setbacks: Front: 20m Rear: 50m Side: 10m
MARINE FIELDS NEW	Minimum 120,000L water tank Approval for Building Envelope required prior to: - Clearing of vegetation - Clearing of driveway - Construction Setbacks: Front: 20m Rear: 50m Side: 10m

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HEROES TO HUB 2026

Fuelled by Courage. Finished with Heart.

Saturday 11 July 2026

26km Fundraising Community Event Supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service

A STORY OF GRATITUDE

Heroes to Hub was created by two Moora mums whose children were cared for and retrieved by the Royal Flying Doctor Service during life-changing medical emergencies in 2023 and 2024. Following an incredible first event that raised \$130,000 for RFDs in 2025, Heroes to Hub returns for another unforgettable day of community, courage and fundraising. The 26km distance represents the 26-hour surgery endured by young Ashlyn following her medical emergency.

Every kilometre tells a story. Every participant makes a difference.

CHOOSE YOUR CHALLENGE 26km Course

🏃 Run 🚶 Walk / Run 🚲 Ride Your Bike 🏍 Ride Your Motorbike 🐎 Ride Your Horse
Or Join the 🚶 5km Short Course Walk

EVENT DETAILS

Start: Newhome Farm 6172 Bindoon-Moora Road, Gillingarra

Finish: Mogumber Hub 4020 Bindoon-Moora Road, Mogumber

Motorbikes: 8.45am / Runners & Walkers: 9.00am / Cyclists: 10.00am / Horse Riders: 10.30am /
Presentations: 3.30pm / Fundraising Auction: Following presentations

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